

Thursday 21 July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another academic year, please see below our final update. It has been a more settled year as we have welcomed back face to face opportunities for our families and friends to come into school. For example, parent evenings; Acts of Worship; coffee mornings to name but a few. We have also been fortunate to reinstate our after school clubs for our children offering a range of sports and activities. May we take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming our children back in the new academic year of 2022-2023.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last week, Class 6 shared a wonderful Act of Worship around the their RE Topic, in particular 'neighbours', sharing Psalm 18 and how we can spread the news of God's love to our neighbours all over the world. The children sang a Disney favourite 'You Got a Friend in Me', raising the chapel roof with their beautiful singing. Class 6 also talked about the charity CAFOD and how they help people all over the world as good neighbours. The children ended their Act of Worship with a mission which was sent out to all the classes inviting them to write down how they can help a 'neighbour' in the school this week.

During the Lent and Pentecost terms, and to highlight our faith in action, the children have participated in mission days here in school, celebrating Mardi Gras and the birth of the Church (Pentecost). We will be continuing with our mission days once a term, starting with a focus around Christ the King in the Advent term 2022.

Celebrating Achievements

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Reuben M, Alex M, Hannah N, Aldrei R, John S, Maddison-Rae B, Hafsah H, Zusanna K, Harry L, Aiden M, Grace K, Hadassah M, Lola M-W, Michael S, Ellie-Mae D, Daisy W, Lola H, Helena K, Lewis R, Joanna N, Aurthur R and Teddy-James B. Well done to you all.

Bastille Day

The children and staff had a super day learning and celebrating the French National Day. A huge thank you to Mrs Norris for organising the day and to the parents who came in to help. The children took part in many different activities throughout the day, including painting and using their French terminology to ask for their morning snacks of croissants and Pan Au Chocolates.

New Build

Below is a direct link to the Derby City Planning Consultation web page. Over the summer holidays, we would like to invite our parents and carers to follow the link and leave a comment in support of the planning of our new school building. We hope your supportive comments will aid a smooth process through this consultation period in order to prevent any delays.

22/01060/FUL | Erection of primary school and nursery, together with new playing field, extension of existing Multi Use Games area, creation of woodland, rearrangement of existing parking and drop-off area, hard and soft landscaping and ancillary works | St Marys Catholic Voluntary Academy And Nursery Broadway Derby DE22 1AU



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<u>Dates for your Diary</u> Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries, including:

• Friday 22 July – Last day of term

New Academic Year:

- Thursday 1 September 2022 INSET (1/6)
- Friday 2 September INSET (2/6)
- Monday 5 September Children return to school
- Friday 21 October last day of term
- Monday 31 October children return to school
- Friday 2 December INSET (3/6)

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above. Finally, on behalf of staff and governors, we would like to wish you and your family a safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Best wishes and God Bless The Leadership Team



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